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Hongkong, April 2, 1884. 583

Notices of Firms.

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Mr. GERALD SLADE and Mr. ALEXANDER MCCONACHIE are now Admitted PARTNERS in our Firm.

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Hongkong, { 1st May, 1884. 739

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, { 1st May, 1884. 739

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that I have this Day taken into PARTNERSHIP Mr. ELEAZER SILAS KELLY, and the Business will henceforth be carried on under the Firm of "JOSEPH & KELLY" as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS.

S. A. JOSEPH.

Dated 1st May, 1884. 744

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that RUTTON JEE DADABHOY TATA has been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm as from the 31st day of October, 1883.

Dated this 1st day of May, 1884.

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Hongkong, 745

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24th September, 1883. 611

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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, May 1, 1884. 743

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Business of the YAN Wo Wo KI COMPANY, of Hongkong, and of the SAN TSOI COMPANY, of Macao, was before carried on in Co-operation, under the direction of the latter, until the end of the 1st Month of the Kwan Siu 9th Year (28th February, 1882), terminated by the Partnership, having sold all his Interest in the Business of the said Companies, and also his Shares in the Opinion Fund at Macao to his Co-partners for the original price invested, by mutual consent. That, from and after the 1st Day 2nd Month of the Kwan Siu 9th Year (1st March, 1882), the Undersigned will not claim whatever Profits that may be made by the said Companies, and that the said Opium Farm, nor will he be responsible for any Losses they may sustain.

Dated Kwan Siu 10th Year, 2nd Month, 27th Day (24th March, 1884).

CHUN YUN, No. 152, Wing Lok Street, Hongkong. 736

NOTICE.

ON and after the First June next, the STORE of the Undersigned will be REMOVED to the Premises lately in the occupation of Messrs. EVA DA SIVA & CO., No. 48, Queen's Road.

II. FOURNIER & CO., Stockholders & Wine Merchants.

Hongkong, May 1, 1884. 737

NOTICE.

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2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

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5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

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7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Banks by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Cover containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices, in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 23, 1884. 715

NOTICE.

WITH Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be Commenced on the 1st MAY, 1884.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

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THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS FOR THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, at Nagasaki, and are prepared to supply Tenders for the Docking, Cleaning, Painting, &c., of VESSELS.

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HOLME, RINGER & CO.

Nagasaki, March, 1884. 645

NOTICE.

BY Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 24, 1884. 712

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Hongkong, April 10, 1884. 679

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Hongkong, April 28, 1884. 728

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Hongkong, April 15, 1884. 656

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Hongkong, April 30, 1884. 733

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Holiday, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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NOTICE.

HAWAII CONSULATE GENERAL,
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1884.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE following NOTICE is published for
GENERAL INFORMATION.

W. KESWICK,
Acting Consul General.

FOREIGN OFFICE NOTICE.

REGULATIONS for the admission of
Chinese immigrants labourers into
the Hawaiian Kingdom made and published
under the authority of a Resolution of
His Majesty in Cabinet Council, passed on
the thirteenth day of July, 1882.

No. 1. From this date permission will be
granted to masters of steam-vessels carrying
national mails, calling at the port of
Honolulu, to land Chinese immigrant
labourers not exceeding twenty-five in all
from any one vessel, their number to be in
addition to and exclusive of any Chinese
passenger who may hold passage as pro-
vided for in Regulation No. 2.

No. 2. Passport enabling their holders
to enter the ports of this Kingdom
who may desire to visit any foreign
country and return thereto.

No. 3. To the wives or other female relatives
and to the children of Chinese now
residing in the Kingdom, or who may
be about to emigrate to this country
under the provisions of Regulation

No. 1.

No. 4. A fee of One Dollar shall be charged for
each passport issued in pursuance of
the foregoing regulation.

4. All rules and instructions regulating
Chinese Immigration to this country
hereafter issued from this Office are
hereby cancelled.

(Signed) WALTER M. GIBSON,
Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Foreign Office,

Honolulu, March 14, 1884.

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NOTICE.

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Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked with the name of the author, and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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"The present number, like the previous one, is intended to occupy a position, with regard to China and the neighbouring countries, not what is similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable, and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective names."

Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked with the name of the author, and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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